

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: M. ARAKI et al
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Group Art Unit: 2182
Examiner: H. Kim
For: STORAGE SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified
application as follows.